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report containing information on an unusual Soviet naval vessel observed in the port of Novorossiysk and on deep sea diving activity in the harbor of Novorossiysk

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RUSSIAN WARSHIPS AT NOVOROSSISK *att*

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A very large Russian warship was seen to enter harbour at NOVOROSSISK at

[redacted] This vessel appeared  
to be new or recently refitted, [redacted] she showed none of the  
usual signs of a vessel having been in service a long time. All paintwork  
appeared new and unscratched and general signs of weathering were not present.

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2. Sea Area Brief

W.

[redacted]

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H.

At anchor outside NOVOROSSISK harbour.

Y.

At anchor and alongside No. 3 Pier NOVOROSSISK harbour.

D.

Clear visibility.

O.

Perfect freedom.

F.

Two funnels with a pronounced after slant situated in between the masts.

L.

[redacted]

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L.

Approximately 700 ft.

M.

Two tripod masts. After mast fitted with large spherical objects.

S.

Completely flush decked.

T.

Two tripod turrets forward and two and two triple turrets aft, calibre estimated at 11 or 13 inch. Turrets appeared to be superimposed on one another forward and aft.

A.

Large number of small HA guns dotted around the ship. No secondary armament visible. No torpedo tubes seen.

R.

Yard rake on control top above bridge. Half bow on top and in front of bridge.

S.

A line of port holes from forward to aft. Painted dark grey with a white line round the vessel just above water line. Square stern. Large spherical objects attached to aftermast. Russian naval ensign aft and Russian national flag forward. No hawsepipes forward and anchors were catted.

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3. The large spherical objects attached to the after mast were painted

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aluminium colour and no openings in them could be seen. They appeared to be 25X1

secured to the mast and the deck below, but exactly how could not be ascertained.

[ ] described them as being almost as large as a barrage balloon. [ ] 25X1

[ ] they were made of a plastic type substance and not metal, but could give 25X1

no reason for this except that they appeared [ ] like a skin. 25X1

4. When first detected by radar at a range of 18 miles, vessel appeared to be arriving from a South Easterly direction.

5. Whilst in harbour, [ ] an extraordinary amount of deep sea diving taking place each day. Diving was taking place all over the harbour from well over 50 launches with diving apparatus in the stern. Each launch had a 25X1 crew of seven and divers were using standard diving equipment. No frogmen were seen. [ ] Prantice

diving was also taking place at the shore end of No. 3 pier. 25X1

6. [ ] no restrictions were placed on the use of cameras whilst in harbour. 25X1

7. [ ] radio and radar apparatus was not sealed.

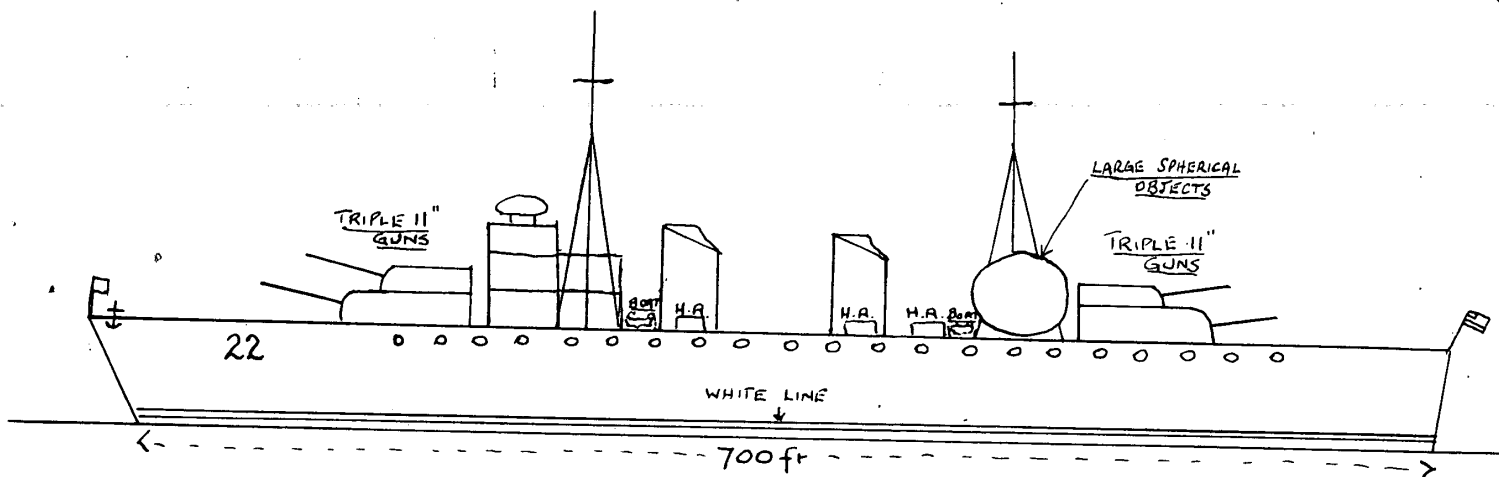
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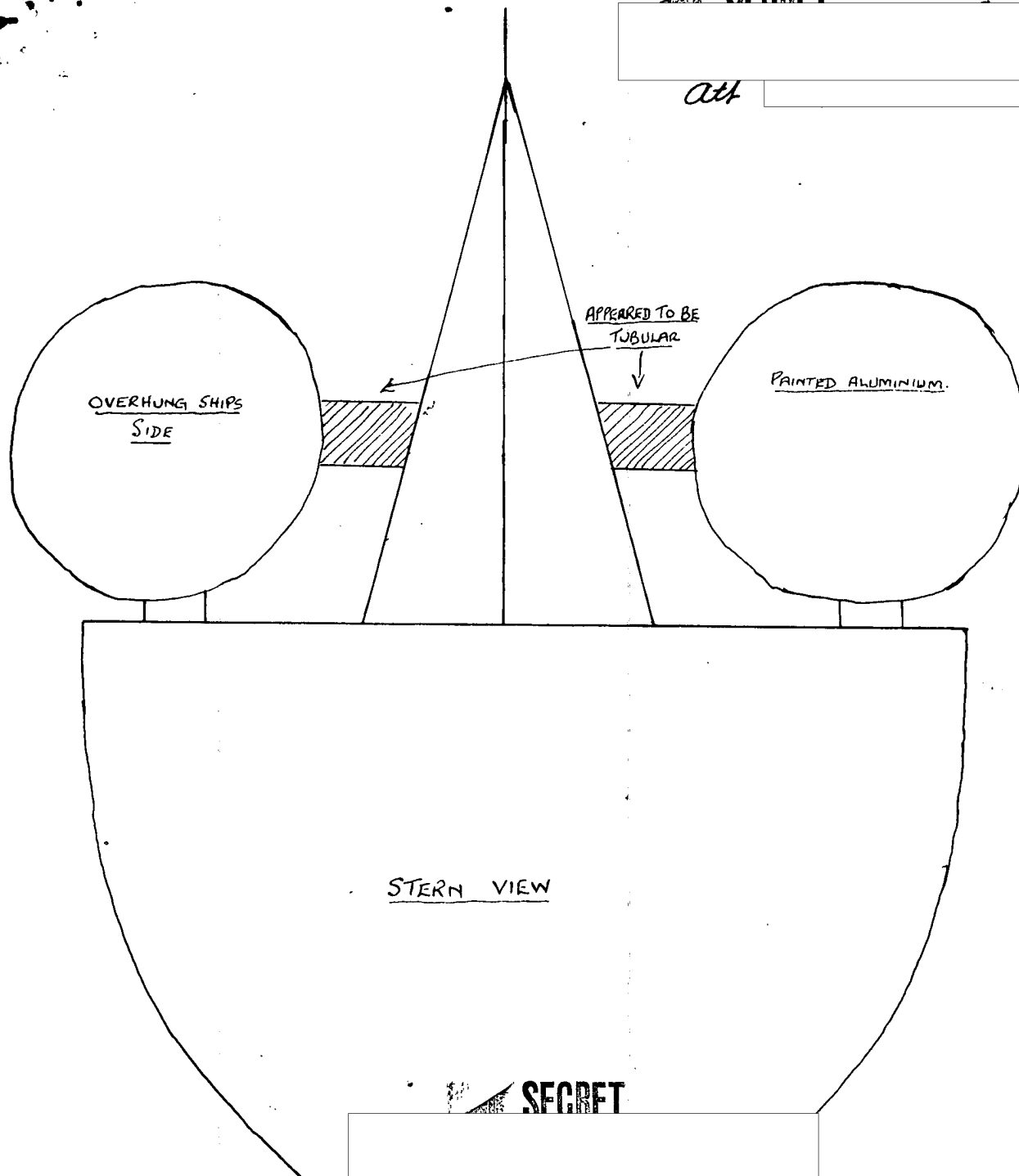


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